



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Monthly Enforcement Report
for actions during January 2017
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The following cases were resolved to: achieve compliance with the law; remediate environmental damage; restore natural resources to appropriate conditions; and impose penalties to deter similar actions in the future.

Consent Agreements Approved by the Commissioner and Office of the Attorney General (party followed by location):

Water and Hazardous Waste:

Bucksport Mill LLC and Bucksport Generation LLC, Bucksport, Maine. Bucksport Mill LLC ("Mill") and Bucksport Generation LLC ("Generation") are Delaware Limited Liability Companies authorized to conduct business in Maine. Mill was issued a Maine Waste Discharge License ("WDL") / Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("MPDES") Permit. Generation requested a transfer of the license/permit from Mill. Mill was licensed/permitted to discharge secondary treated pulp and paper production process wastewater, landfill leachate, filter backwash and other miscellaneous sources of water to the Penobscot River. Mill reported violations of Special Condition A(1) of the WDL regarding the total zinc discharge limits during December 2015, January 2016 and February 2016. Mill reported violations of Special Condition A(1) of the WDL regarding the total suspended solids discharge limits in February 2016. Mill reported violations of Special Condition A(1) of the WDL regarding the pH of the waste water discharged by discharging wastewater with pH lower than the minimum pH allowed and above the maximum pH on January 4, 2016 and February 14, 2016, respectively. Mill violated Standard Condition E(1)(b), 38 M.R.S. § 414(5) and 38 M.R.S. § 414(5) by allowing an overflow of untreated wastewaters and oil to be discharged on September 30, 2015. Mill violated Special Condition F and 38 M.R.S. § 414(5) by failing to have available a current, updated written comprehensive operation and maintenance plan that reflected operational changes during an inspection on January 14, 2016. Due to an error during the start-up prior to the regeneration of resin columns in a demineralizer system, Mill allowed the discharge of sodium hydroxide and sulfuric acid, thereby violating Standard Condition D(1)(f), B(1)(a) and B(2) of the WDL and 38 M.R.S. § 414(5). Mill also violated 38 M.R.S. § 1317-A by allowing sulfuric acid and sodium hydroxide to be discharged into a floor drain, and 38 M.R.S. § 1318-B(1) by failing to immediately report the discharges to the Department of Public Safety. To resolve the violations, Mill and Generation agreed to: pay a civil monetary penalty to the *Treasurer, State of Maine* in the amount of \$12,855.00 and to the *Treasurer, State of Maine c/o the Maine Hazardous Waste Fund* in the amount of \$3,950.00.